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1. WE INFORMALLY QUERIED THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) ON THE "STUDY OF LONG-TERM DEFENSE PLANNING" CALLED FOR IN PARA 7, REF B AND ASCERTAINED THAT THE IS IS NOT REPEAT NOT CURRENTLY PREPARING SUCH A STUDY. FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW OF THE RATHER FULL SCHEDULE OF LTDP AND REGULAR DEFENSE PLANNING ACTIVITIES THIS FALL, OUR INTERLOCUTOR DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE IS WOULD BE ABLE TO TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO SUCH A STUDY BEFORE THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. WE NOTE THAT THE REF B LANGUAGE ("IN DUE COURSE") LEAVES THE TIMING OF THE LONG-TERM PLANNING "STUDY" PURPOSELY VAGUE.

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE IS WILL PROPOSE THAT THE
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THEME OF THE JANUARY 1979 NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP/ SYMPOSIUM (SEPTEL) BE NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PLANNING, AND EXPECT THAT ASYG MUMFORD IS THINKING OF USING THIS CONFERENCE TO AIR HIS AND OTHERS' VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FRUITFUL TO RAISE THE POINTS IN PARA 3, REF A, WITH

THE IS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, SHOULD WE HEAR THAT AN
IS STUDY IS EITHER CONTEMPLATED IN THE NEAR TERM OR
UNDERWAY, WE WOULD TURN IMMEDIATELY TO THE TALKING POINTS
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